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that we're going to be dealing with tomorrow. But I think at this point in time and at this hour that it would be best to leave the dollars where they are. Then we can determine how many should be left there. If it was good to do a year ago, maybe some should still be left there. If we determine that some should certainly go to help out the schools in Senator Baker's district, Senator Kremer's district, I think they haven't spent that money yet and so maybe it can set there until they see fit time to do that. But I am concerned about the public reaction to what we do when one year we do one thing, the next year we do something else, the next year we do something I've long thought that we should do long-range planning, strategy planning rather than constantly reacting to crisis. Now up until a couple of hours ago we didn't know these dollars even existed or would be available. I think it would be good to go cautiously to wait a year and then go through the process that this body has established years ago. And most of the time when we follow the process, we end up with the right decisions. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Janssen, on the motion to bracket LB 1213.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the bracket motion because I know darn good and well if we hang around here long enough we're going to spend that money. It's going to get spent, and that's not the intent that that money was to be used for or the things that I hear it could be used for. That was for unification of school districts. two districts in...two school districts in my county that have used some of those incentives and it's worked. They have two larger districts now. I wish there were a few more counties, even some counties east of me, that could use some money to get one school district, say, in a county. I don't see anything Think what would happen if we only had 93 wrong with that. school districts in this state. And if we hang around long enough, we'll spend this money. We'll spend it on something else it was intended for. When we use the money for these kinds of situations, I know that that's gone now. It's not going to happen this year. But if we keep hassling around here and don't get off of this bill, we're going to blow that money on something that you're going to be sorry for. So with that,